

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This claim listing will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Claim Listing:**

1-22 (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) A method of providing one or more of the following treatments to a mammal in need of such treatment: UV protection, ~~removal and prevention~~ decrease or alleviation of wrinkles, or stimulating collagen production in a mammal, said method comprising,

identifying a mammal in need of such treatment, and  
topically applying to said mammal a composition comprising at least 30% L-ascorbic acid, by weight, having a mean particle size of no greater than approximately 5  $\mu\text{m}$ , [[in]] a non-aqueous carrier and an exfoliant.

24. (Original) The method of Claim 23, wherein said mammal is human.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 23 ~~[[25]]~~, wherein said L-ascorbic acid has a mean particle size of no greater than approximately 2  $\mu\text{m}$ .

28. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 23 ~~[[25]]~~, wherein said L-ascorbic acid has a mean particle size between approximately 0.01  $\mu\text{m}$  and 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .

29. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 23, wherein said composition comprises greater than 35% ascorbic acid.

30. (Original) The method of Claim 23, wherein said composition comprises, by weight, more L-ascorbic acid than D-ascorbic acid.

31. (Original) The method of Claim 23, wherein said composition comprises, by weight, more L-ascorbic acid than ascorbic acid derivatives.

32. (Original) The method of Claim 23, wherein said composition is essentially free of D-ascorbic acid, and is essentially free of ascorbic acid derivatives.

33 – 35 (Canceled)

36. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 23, wherein said exfoliant is an enzyme

37. (Original) The method of Claim 36, wherein said enzymatic exfoliant comprises papain.

38. (Original) The method of Claim 23, wherein said non-aqueous carrier comprises glycerin.

39. (Original) The method of Claim 23, wherein said L-ascorbic acid is micronized in oil.

40. (Original) The method of Claim 39, wherein said oil may be derived from plant materials.

41. (Original) The method of Claim 39, wherein said oil comprises capric/caprylic triglycerides.

42. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 23 [[25]], wherein said L-ascorbic acid is prepared by a wet micronization process.

43. (Original) The method of Claim 23, wherein the composition is prepared by a method comprising micronizing ascorbic acid powder in an oil.

44. (Original) The method of Claim 43, wherein said oil is derived from plant materials.

45. (Original) The method of Claim 43, wherein said oil comprises capric/caprylic triglycerides.